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EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON REQUIREMENTS AND FACILITIES FOR COLLATION

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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I. Targets of the Requirements Subcommittee for FY-1956

In its Progress Report for FY-1955 the Requirements Subcommittee outlined the targets for Subcommittee action for that year. As a guide for Subcommittee undertakings, this listing remained valid during FY-1956 and is therefore repeated below:

- A. Undertake appropriate action in connection with collection deficiency surveys of the EIC Substantive Subcommittees.
- B. Contribute to the improvement of coordination of collection activities in the field and in Washington. 25X1X4
- C. Render support as necessary to [REDACTED]
- D. Create closer working relationships with the substantive Subcommittees.
- E. Continue support of the Comprehensive Economic Reporting Program as required.
- F. Examine the possibility of closer working relationships with non-IAC agencies.
- G. Support, to the extent necessary, the program for Economic Reporting Guidance to Missions behind the iron curtain.
- H. Undertake such other studies or actions as fall within the purview of the Subcommittee.

The above targets served in a general way to guide Subcommittee activity during the reporting period. Some action was taken by the Subcommittee with respect to each of the listed targets, although in some instances the action taken was relatively minor.

Scope of Subcommittee Action

During FY-1956 activity of the Requirements Subcommittee was confined more to the consideration of significant items requiring Subcommittee attention, and less to the mechanics and day to day functioning of existing programs. Only five scheduled meetings were held during the reporting year, but each was concerned with a full agenda of items appropriate for interagency

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consideration at the level of the Requirements Subcommittee. Supervision and policy guidance in respect to continuing EIC programs required very little time of the Subcommittee. The CERP, [REDACTED] and Economic Reporting Guidance programs, previously requiring considerable time, operate efficiently under administrative arrangements instituted by or concurred in by the Subcommittee. This is indicative of a trend to become less operative and more a policy guidance and coordinating body.

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This report lists the more significant positive developments within programs indicating the degree of active participation of the Subcommittee in developments reported on.

II. SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

A. Action in Response to EIC Collection Deficiency Surveys

During the reporting period, the following Priority Collection Deficiency Statements were referred to the Subcommittee by the EIC.

- a. Sino-Soviet Bloc Armaments, Section I - USSR
EIC-S-16/2 (Approved by EIC 7 Dec 1955)
- b. Sino-Soviet Bloc Transportation System - Part d.
Inland Waterway Transportation, Section I - USSR
USSR EIC-S-16/12 (d) Approved by EIC 30 Nov 1955)
- c. Sino-Soviet Transportation System - Part c.
Highway Transportation, Section I - USSR
EIC - S-16/12 (c) (Approved by EIC 30 Nov 1955)

In a memorandum dated 6 June 1955 the Subcommittee reported to the EIC its views regarding the utility of Collection Deficiency Surveys, what collection action might be initiated by the Requirements Subcommittee, and the limitations on such action. In accordance with this memorandum, the Subcommittee examined the above three Collection Deficiency Statements and has undertaken and will continue to undertake appropriate action.

B. Coordination of Collection Activities in the Field and in Washington

The preparation of a Bibliography of Economic and Scientific and Technical Guide Requirements has been one of the more significant accomplishments of the Subcommittee. This report commenced as a simple exchange of lists of collection guides prepared by the IAC Agencies. It has developed into a bibliography of selected economic and scientific and technical collection guidance publications that has been reviewed and concurred in by

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the Economic Intelligence Committee, the Scientific Estimates Committee, the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, and the Guided Missiles Intelligence Committee. As of 1 July 1956 the Bibliography has been completed and is being published as an EIC document.

Other activity in support of improved coordination of collection activities in the field and in Washington has been undertaken largely by members individually, rather than as Subcommittee action. This function is perhaps the most important single responsibility of the Subcommittee and its members, with much daily work devoted to this end. Trips by members of the Subcommittee to the field continue to contribute to the coordination of collection activities.

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D. Working Relationships with the Substantive Subcommittees

Several discussion sessions were held up by the Executive Secretary with representatives of substantive Subcommittees on matters of

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joint concern. The Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications requested advice on the preparation of their statements or research and collection deficiencies. The Guided Missiles Staff invited a number of the Requirements Subcommittee Secretariat to a meeting at which collection procedures were discussed. It is believed that much more could be done in developing closer working relationships with substantive subcommittees.

Support of CERP

During the reporting year the Subcommittee had no occasion to take action as a body on matters of CERP requirements or CERP reporting. The volume and necessity of timely evaluations in connection with CERP and other Foreign Service reporting was frequently emphasized, and in December 1955 Mr. William Barnes, Chief REP/State, gave the Subcommittee a very interesting and informative talk on the development and status of the CERP program.

Coordination with non-IAC Agencies

Substantial progress was made toward improving the Subcommittee's understanding of the mission and functions of certain non-IAC Agencies, as well as how their activities fit into the intelligence community. In October 1955 Mr. Henry Loomis, Chief, IRI/USIA, spoke to the Subcommittee on the role of USIA, and particularly the Office of Research and Intelligence, in the intelligence community. In December 1955 Mr. William T. Mason of the Office of Strategic Information (OSI), Department of Commerce, spoke on the intelligence exchange responsibilities of that organization. Members of the Requirements Subcommittee are convinced of the value of these and similar talks by non-IAC representatives, and will continue this program during the forthcoming year.

Support of the Economic Reporting Guidance Program

In the course of the reporting period there has been a steady improvement in the quality and pertinence of economic reporting from the Embassy, Moscow, and from the Missions in the European Satellites. This has been at least partly due to the energetic administration of this program by the Economic Reporting Guidance Staff. The Requirements Subcommittee found no occasion to take action or make recommendations in connection with this program.

III. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The period under review has been a year of modest but solid accomplishment by the Requirements Subcommittee. Past experience is beginning to be reflected in the Subcommittee's ability to define community problems more

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clearly and approach a solution with a minimum of lost motion. Future activities will be marked by the Subcommittee putting its resources behind the solution of a more limited number of higher priority community problems. Emphasis will be placed on the proper functioning of existing coordinating mechanisms rather than the creation of new inter-agency facilities.

It is the intention of the Subcommittee to meet, during the forthcoming year, as often as a full and pertinent agenda dictates. Targets, or aims, of the Subcommittee are now adequately defined and clearly understood. Since the basic problem of determining the collective requirements of the intelligence community, translating these into effective collection guidance, and organizing the responses into readily available data, is a continuing problem - so will be the work and responsibilities of the Subcommittee on Requirements and Facilities for Collation.